

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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BRAUN GmbH,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	
)	Civil Action No. 03-12428-WGY
REMINGTON PRODUCTS)	
COMPANY, LLC,)	
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Defendant.)	
_____)	

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE PARTIES PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)

Pursuant to Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Rule 16.1, and the Court's Notice of Scheduling Conference dated August 26, 2004, counsel for the parties have conferred on August 30, 2004 to: (1) prepare an agenda of matters to be discussed at the September 14, 2004 Scheduling Conference; (2) prepare a proposed pretrial schedule for the case, including a discovery plan; and (3) consider whether they will consent to trial by a magistrate judge. Counsel hereby submit this Joint Statement pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D).

I. **PROPOSED AGENDA OF MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED**

- A. Background of the Litigation
- B. Proposed Pretrial Schedule
- C. Trial Before a United States Magistrate Judge
- D. Settlement
- E. Local Rule 16.1(D)(3) Certifications
- F. Alternative Dispute Resolution

II. BACKGROUND OF THE LITIGATION

Plaintiff Braun GmbH (“Braun”) brings its claims for patent infringement and correction of inventorship against Remington Products Company, LLC (“Remington”). Braun alleges that Remington is infringing on two of its patents related to cleaning systems for dry shavers, specifically U.S. Patent No. 5,711,328 (“’328 patent”) and U.S. Patent No. 5,649,556 (“’556 patent”). Additionally, Braun has asked the Court to correct inventorship pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 256 on both the ’328 and ’556 patents to include Dr. Pahl, who was omitted from the patent applications. Braun seeks both injunctive relief and damages. Remington denies that it infringes the ’328 and ’556 patents, contends that they are invalid, and pending discovery, opposes the correction of inventorship.

III. PROPOSED PRETRIAL SCHEDULE

The parties agree to generally be bound by the discovery event limitations set forth in Local Rule 26.1(C), but also agree to the following modifications:

1. Depositions will be limited to a total of 80 hours; and
2. More than one 30(b)(6) deposition of a corporate entity will be permitted.

Additionally, the parties agree that:

1. Service by facsimile will be equivalent to service by hand;
2. The parties will provide certified translations of all foreign language documents; and
3. Braun will cooperate with Remington in scheduling depositions that may need to occur in Germany to maximize efficiency and will make all efforts to make its witnesses available without the need to resort to the formalities of the Hague Convention.
4. Where a deposition is being conducted in a foreign language, the parties will negotiate time limits to reasonably accommodate the translation process.

Braun and Remington differ substantially with regard to a proposed pretrial schedule. As the parties are unable to resolve these differences, both proposals are included herein for the Court's consideration.

A. Braun's Proposed Schedule:

Initial Disclosures Exchanged by Parties	September 17, 2004
Dispositive Motion Regarding Infringement, Including with Braun's Claim Construction Under <u>Markman</u>	October 15, 2004
Opposition to Dispositive Motion, Including Remington's Claim Construction Under <u>Markman</u>	October 29, 2004
Reply to Opposition to Dispositive Motion	November 5, 2004
Hearing on Motion For Summary Judgment on Infringement	Scheduled by Court
Close of Fact Discovery	March 18, 2005
Expert Disclosure of Party With Burden	April 1, 2005
Expert Disclosure of Opposing Party	April 15, 2005
Rebuttal Expert Disclosure	April 22, 2005
Close of Expert Discovery	May 20, 2005
Additional Dispositive Motions	June 10, 2005
Final Pretrial Conference	July 18, 2005
Trial Commences (Estimated 1-2 weeks for trial)	July 29, 2005

B. Remington's Proposed Schedule:

Deadline to Add Parties and Claims	November 5, 2004
Braun's Infringement and Claim Construction Contentions	November 19, 2004
Remington's Non-Infringement and Claim Construction Contentions	December 21, 2004

Braun's <u>Markman</u> Brief	January 7, 2005
Remington's <u>Markman</u> Brief	January 28, 2005
Braun's Reply Brief	February 11, 2005
<u>Markman</u> Hearing	March 11, 2005
Expert Report of Party with Burden	April 1, 2005
Rebuttal Expert Report	May 6, 2005
Rebuttal Expert Report of Party with Burden	May 20, 2005
Dispositive Motions	July 1, 2005
All Discovery Closes	September 2, 2005
Trial Commences (Estimated 1-2 weeks for trial)	November 11, 2005

In addition, Remington proposes to bifurcate liability from willfulness and damages both at trial and during discovery.

IV. TRIAL BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

At this time, the parties do not consent to the assignment of this matter to a United States Magistrate Judge.

V. SETTLEMENT

On September 3, 2004, Braun indicated that it was unable to make a formal settlement offer to Remington until it received and analyzed a sample of Remington's new foil shaver. While Braun has received this sample, its analysis is incomplete. Once the analysis has been completed, Braun will make a formal offer pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(C). Until that time, the parties are continuing to explore a range of settlement options in this matter, and will keep the Court apprised of their progress.

VI. LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3) CERTIFICATIONS

The required certifications from counsel and the parties that they have conferred with respect to budgetary concerns and possible resolution through ADR programs are attached hereto.

VII. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

At present, the parties are not prepared to consent to alternative dispute resolution.

By their attorneys,

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